National Seminar on
"Women as Critical Partners in an
Egalitarian Society:
An Evaluation of the Current
Status in India"

29-30 January, 2018

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Introduction

"I raise up my voice—not so I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard...we cannot succeed when half of us are held back." — Malala Yousafzai

Our President, Shri R.K. Vinod in his maiden address to the Nation, on the eve of 71st Independence Day, urged us to continue to chart a compassionate and egalitarian society. Gender inequalities remain still grave, one of the most glaring examples of discrimination/bias—apparently prevalent since time immemorial. Since the Eighth Five Year Plan, which focused on empowering women, especially at the grassroots level, we have come a long way. But there is still a longer way to go. It’s quite an anomaly that while women are considered to be critical partners, they are way behind men in terms of equal status in the society. Any society or culture which operates on the basis of merit/ability and not on the basis of hereditary status/centralized political and economic power, would qualify as an egalitarian society. On the contrary, in India, inequality in gender is still deep-rooted in all aspects—home, public space or workplace. In many situations, they are denied access to basic education and health care and are victims of violence and discrimination. They are under-represented in political and economic decision-making processes. A society/nation where such gender inequalities exist will take a long time before it is called progressive. Such issues should not only be treated as priority but issues of relevance to the national economy. Egalitarianism should get an equal platform for discussion as innovation, competition, GST etc.

The analysis of women’s status in an egalitarian society is inseparable from the analysis of egalitarian society and economic structure as a whole. This gets distorted when the practices in a society are based on a hierarchical structure. For a sustainable ecosystem, it is crucial to identify the areas/activities important for the society and those be promoted on the basis of merit and not gender or marred ranks. The seminar attempts to study the features of an egalitarian society and deliberate on how to achieve the same through debate, dialogue, discourse and deliberation.

Sub Themes of the Seminar

- Continuing gender wage gap
- Individual conduct in an egalitarian society
- The single and working middle class Indian women
- Entrepreneurial aptitude & attitude among women
- Women objectification and trafficking
- Violence against women: Domestic and outside: Female Societisation & infantilisation, Stalking, Eve teasing, etc.
- Under-representation of women in crucial fields such as - electoral, justice system (as prosecutors, judges, police officers), political participation etc.
- Blurring of husband & wife roles in family (role reversal)
- Women leadership, career advancement for women & glass ceiling
- Cross-cultural egalitarian studies
- Age preferences and partner choice for women: Partner alcoholism & drug abuse challenges
- Freedom to abort for rape victims
- Adolescent education/training
- Entry into male-dominated professions
- Resourcefulness of women

(The above list is only indicative and by no means exhaustive.)

Methodology

- Cases, lectures and presentations, experience sharing – by participants as well as speakers.

Participation

- Faculty members, Research Scholars, Corporate Professionals, Women Activists, Policy makers, Administrators

Delegation Fee

Delegation fee is Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) payable along with the Registration Form to AIU. This fee covers the cost of stationery, seminar kit, working lunch and tea during the sessions.